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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
Washington 25, D.C.

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16 May 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Recruiting and Training Career  
Personnel for CIA.

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered the proposal of the Director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as set forth in his letter to you, dated 5 March 1951, and his letter to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Personnel Policies, dated 30 April 1951, to obtain from Service-controlled and other sources, personnel to be trained by the Services and then released for a CIA career.
2. The Services can train up to 200 personnel per year for CIA as proposed, on a reimbursable basis, provided they are obtained from non-Service-controlled sources and provided they do not occupy Reserve Officer training spaces upon release to CIA for civilian employment. The details in each instance should be as mutually agreeable. Such training should eventually result in a reduction in the number of active Service Personnel assigned for duty with the CIA.
3. The Joint Chiefs of Staff do not approve the proposal of procuring ROTC college graduates for the following reasons:
  - a. The Services are experiencing difficulty in procuring sufficient numbers of ROTC graduates to meet their Reserve Officer requirements.
  - b. It is contemplated that the supply of ROTC graduates will barely meet the demands of the Services during the next ten year period, and then only if no unforeseen contingencies arise.
  - c. Officers trained under this proposal would occupy Reserve Officer training spaces and it has been proved by experience that it is unlikely they would be available to the Services in emergencies.
4. Accordingly, it is recommended that a letter substantially as contained in the enclosed draft be forwarded to the Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

OSD REVIEW COMPLETED

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

/s/ Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
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Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

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LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Reference is made to your letters of 5 March 1951, and 30 April 1951, concerning the recruiting and training by the Services of not to exceed 150 ROTC college graduates and up to 50 non-ROTC college graduates, each year as career personnel for the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Services can train small numbers of personnel, not in excess of 200 per year, procured by the Central Intelligence Agency from non-Service-controlled sources. This training should be on a reimbursable basis, with the details in each instance to be as mutually agreeable. It is considered that such training should eventually result in a reduction in the number of active Service personnel assigned for duty with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Due to the difficulty in procuring Reserve Officers in sufficient numbers to meet the requirements of the Services, and their efforts to have all Reserve Officers available for extended active duty, the Joint Chiefs of Staff cannot approve your proposal to procure ROTC college graduates at this time.

If this solution is agreeable, I recommend that the details of implementation be worked out directly between the Military Departments and the Central Intelligence Agency.

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